



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Health has a career opportunity for qualified candidates for the following position:

Title Research Scientist 2 [Classified Non-Competitive]			Salary P28 \$76,748.04 - \$109,368.45
Posting Number 365-21	Position Number 952327	Number of Positions 1	Posting Period * From: 09/20/2021 To: 10/31/2021
Location: Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health Communicable Disease Service 135 E. State Street, 2nd Floor Trenton, NJ 08625			Scope of Eligibility/Open to: Applicants who Meet the Requirements

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This position will serve as the Foodborne Illness Surveillance Specialist, overseeing surveillance, research and public health response activities associated with Foodborne illness pathogens. This position will also serve as the back up for emerging viral respiratory pathogens including novel influenza, MERS and COVID-19. This position will plan and implement epidemiologic investigations related to foodborne illness surveillance, and monitor epidemiologic and clinical data collected from cases to identify changes in clinical presentation, illness severity and/or populations/groups at risk. This epidemiologist will work closely with the various groups within CDS to identify and research metrics, to track the incidence and prevalence of foodborne illnesses in various settings throughout the state including long-term care facilities, schools, and other settings. Activities would include developing data collection tools, designing foodborne history surveys, reviewing foodborne illness case report forms that need to be submitted to CDC, conducting descriptive and analytical research studies, gathering timely exposure information on cases and responding to both in-state and multistate foodborne illness clusters and outbreaks. This epidemiologist will also provide consultation and technical assistance to local health departments, regional epidemiologists, surveillance partners and help develop, plan and conduct statewide surveillance activities for foodborne illnesses in New Jersey. In addition to providing after hours coverage to address inquiries from hospitals, providers and local health departments on a rotation basis, this individual would also help prepare technical manuscripts for publication, surveillance reports for public health partners, and presentations for internal and external stakeholders. This individual will develop resource tools to assist in researching transmission risk and trends of foodborne illnesses and use the information gained to develop guidance documents with effective control measures. This epidemiologist would also be required to attend CDS Epidemiology Meetings, CDC multistate outbreak conference calls, and Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System Steering Committee Meetings and also help develop training materials for disseminating research findings and other relevant information to public health stakeholders, healthcare professionals and the general public.

REQUIREMENTS (EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE / LICENSES)

EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's degree in a discipline appropriate to the position.

EXPERIENCE: Three (3) years of full-time experience in a field appropriate to the position.

NOTE: A Doctorate in a discipline appropriate to the position may be substituted for two (2) years of experience indicated above.

LICENSE: Appointees will be required to possess a valid driver's license valid in New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle, rather than employee mobility, is necessary to perform the essential duties of the position.

IMPORTANT FILING INSTRUCTIONS

If interested in this position, you can reply in one of two ways:

- Forward the required documents electronically to:
PSSTEOH@doh.nj.gov
- Mail the required documents to:
Steven Bors, Executive Assistant 4
Epid., Environmental and Occupational Health
Reference Posting #365-21
New Jersey Department of Health
PO Box 369
Trenton, NJ 08625-0369

Required documents:

- cover letter
- resume
- completed application, found at:
<http://www.nj.gov/health/forms/dpf-663.pdf>

** Responses received after the closing date MAY be considered if the position is not filled.*

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- *Newly hired employees must agree to a thorough background check that will include fingerprinting.*
 - *If you are a candidate for a position in our Public Health and Environmental Laboratories, you may be subject to pre- and /or post-employment alcohol and drug testing.*
 - *If you are a candidate for a position that involves direct client care in one of the State facilities/programs, you may be subject to pre- and/or post-employment drug testing/screening. The cost of any pre-employment testing will be at the candidate's expense. Candidates with a positive drug test result, or those who refuse to be tested and/or cooperate with the testing requirement, will not be hired.*
 - *In compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete the required employment eligibility verification form upon hire.*
 - *In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-7, the "New Jersey First Act", all employees must reside in the State of New Jersey, unless exempted under the law. If you do not live in New Jersey, you have one year after you begin employment to relocate your residence to New Jersey.*
 - **The New Jersey Department of Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**
 - *RESUME NOTE: Applicants who possess foreign degrees (degrees earned outside of the U.S.) are required to provide an evaluation indicating the U.S. equivalency prior to the closing date. Failure to do so may result in your ineligibility.*

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